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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2006 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 200606), for which a response is due on September 16, 2006. A petition for a three-months' extension of time is included with this response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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